

# Product Cleaning Guidance

## Fire Fighters Turnout Gear



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The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and NFPA 1851 (<https://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codes-and-standards/detail?code=1851>), recommend the following for treating gear that may have been exposed to the coronavirus, recently termed COVID-19.

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Any gear suspected of having been exposed to COVID-19 must be isolated and bagged until an accurate determination has been made. If exposure is confirmed, the gear should be subjected to decontamination methods in accordance with CDC and NFPA 1851 recommendations.

Any gear known or determined to have been exposed to the virus, without guarantee of decontamination, should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements as a safety precaution.

International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) has published recommendations regarding COVID-19, PPE, and decontamination: <https://www.iaff.org/coronavirus/#preparation-ppe-protection>

The situation with COVID-19 is rapidly evolving. As such, this guidance may be updated as circumstances warrant. Please visit MSA COVID-19 Resource Center (<https://us.msasafety.com/coronavirus>) to ensure that you have the latest version. Furthermore, organizations like the CDC are providing updated information and guidance as it becomes available. For the most-up-to date information on COVID-19, you should regularly consult guidance being published by national and international organizations, such as the CDC, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the World Health Organization (WHO), the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), and/or your local health authority. Guidance on COVID-19, including information on actions needed to prevent, control, and manage contact with the virus, is available at the following websites:

US CDC	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html</a>
US NIH	<a href="https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-officials-discuss-novel-coronavirus-recently-emerged-china">https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-officials-discuss-novel-coronavirus-recently-emerged-china</a>
WHO	<a href="https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus">https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus</a>
ECDC	<a href="https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/coronavirus">https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/coronavirus</a>
IAFF	<a href="https://www.iaff.org/coronavirus/#preparation-ppe-protection">https://www.iaff.org/coronavirus/#preparation-ppe-protection</a>
NFPA	<a href="https://www.nfpa.org/Codes-and-Standards/Resources/Standards-in-action/NFPA-responds-to-the-coronavirus">https://www.nfpa.org/Codes-and-Standards/Resources/Standards-in-action/NFPA-responds-to-the-coronavirus</a>

Note: This Bulletin contains only a general description of the products shown. While product uses and performance capabilities are generally described, the products shall not, under any circumstances, be used by untrained or unqualified individuals. The products shall not be used until the product instructions/user manual, which contains detailed information concerning the proper use and care of the products, including any warnings or cautions, have been thoroughly read and understood. Specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

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